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MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Linda W. Cropp

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M. Gandhi

Chief Financial Officer

DATE:

SEP 13 2006

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement: "Mandatory Juvenile Public Safety

Notification Amendment Act of 2006"

REFERENCE:

B16-732 (Committee Print)

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. There would be no negative fiscal impact during the financial plan period. No additional staff or resources will be required.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend D.C. Official Code § 16-2301, § 16-2331, and § 16-2332 to require the Family Court of the D.C. Superior Court ("Family Court") and the Director of the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS)to disclose to the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department ("Chief") specified information. Specifically, the proposed legislation would require the Family Court to disclose to the Chief within 48 hours of the Family Court's decision not to detain a respondent whom the Office of the Attorney General has filed a petition against for certain offenses, specified information on the respondent's name, address, and terms of placement or release. Similarly, the legislation would require the Family Court to disclose similar specified information for all stay-away and post-adjudication orders for juvenile respondents.

The proposed legislation also requires the Director of DYRS to provide notice to the Chief at least five days in advance of any assignment, transfer, placement, or release of a juvenile who has been adjudicated of certain offenses. Additionally, the legislation would require the Director

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of DYRS to provide information to the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department about any juvenile in the custody of DYRS who absconds or is absent.

The proposed legislation would also provide guidance for the Chief's disclosure of any information resulting from this bill.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2007 through FY 2010 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. No additional staff or resources will be required. The District's local Budget and Financial Plan will be required to absorb any additional and unforeseen costs that may be incurred as a result of this act.